

H. Res. 130

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

April 20, 2005.

Whereas for over 100 years, our Nation has been improved by the heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration systems that keep our buildings warm in the winter and cool in the summer;

Whereas the contractors that install heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration systems are comprised of small businesses located in all 50 States;

Whereas according to the Office of Advocacy at the Small Business Administration, small businesses represent 99.7 percent of all employers and employ half of all private sector employees;

Whereas the heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration industry is a growing field that continues to create jobs and grow small businesses;

Whereas indoor environmental systems have saved millions of lives and improved the health of our citizens;

Whereas because of environmental systems, food is preserved, modern medicine is possible, and children breathe easier;

Whereas the men and women who design, manufacture, install, and maintain heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration systems play a crucial role in our economy;

Whereas professional certified technicians save the Nation millions of dollars each year through the design and installation of more efficient equipment that provides essential comfort while reducing energy usage; and

Whereas the Air Conditioning Contractors of America have proposed designating the week of April 17–23, 2005, as National Indoor Comfort Week: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes the contributions that environmental systems have made to the quality of life of all Americans;

(2) commends the technicians who install and maintain environmental systems;

(3) recognizes that these small business contractors have benefited from the reduced regulatory burden provided as a result of passage of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 and the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (SBREFA);

(4) commends small business air conditioning contractors for participating in the Occupational Safety and Health Administration panels required by SBREFA to better educate regulators on the effect of Federal rules on small businesses;

(5) recognizes that small business air conditioning contractors have actively supported the Section 7(a) loan guarantee program administered by the Small Business Administration; and

(6) supports the goals and ideals of National Indoor Comfort Week, as proposed by the Air Conditioning Contractors of America.

Attest:

Clerk.